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September 29, 2014

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency **Environmental Protection Specialist** 1200 Sixth Avenue Suite 900 Seattle WA 98101

Re: Request for Information Relevant to Proposed John Day Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 13333

To Potentially Interested Party:

Klickitat Public Utility District is pursuing a FERC License for the proposed John Day Pool Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project in Klickitat County, Washington. The project would require the construction of an underground powerhouse and waterway, an overhead transmission line spanning across the Columbia River into Oregon, and two reservoirs of just over 100 surface acres each, one in the vicinity of John Day Dam on lands of the former Columbia Gorge Aluminum plant and the second located in the Columbia Hills north of John Day Dam. A map of the project area is attached.

The project would operate as a closed loop pumped storage project, where water is recycled between two man-made reservoirs in an off-channel and closed system. Water for the initial fill of the lower reservoir and periodic make-up water to account for seasonal evaporative losses during operation would be provided through an existing water intake in the John Day pool (Lake Umatilla) through use of an existing water right owned by Klickitat PUD. The preliminary permit can be found on FERC's website (e-library) at http://www.ferc.gov; project number 13333.

Your organization was identified as having management responsibilities or potential interests related to environmental resources in the project area. Any information your organization may have regarding the environmental resources in the project area would be appreciated. Please send relevant information to the following address:

Brian Skeahan, **Project Consultant** Klickitat PUD 1313 South Columbus Ave. Goldendale, WA 98620

Email: Bskeahan@klickpud.com

We are requesting that information be sent to us within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Skeahan.

Sincerely,

Jim Smith, General Manager

Attachments: Exhibit 3-0: JD Pool Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project

EXHIBIT 3-0. JD Pool Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project **Project Location** 04/25/2012 DRAWN: E. EVANS COUNTY: KLICKITAT, WA SHERMAN, OR X Index Maps **Overall Location** Drego **LEGEND Proposed Features** Proposed Reservoirs Proposed Dams Powerhouse (underground) Surge Tank Transmission Penstock Project Boundary Land Ownership Army Corps Reference Layers Index Map X Reference Points and Scenic Rivers or Wilderness Areas within the 0 1,250 2,500 Teet 1 inch = 5,000 feet project boundary. 5,000 7,500 10,000 NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N